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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

FROM

: Harry E. Fitzwater Director of Training

SUBJECT

Reactions to CIA as Reported by External

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1. Five Agency officers who recently completed a year's study in the Education for Public Management Program (EPM) discussed their experiences with us on 16 July 1976. The five returnees, their component and place of study are:

All expressed appreciation to the Agency for the opportunity to pursue a year's graduate study which exposed them to new horizons and, at the same time, enhanced their ability to work in their Agency home components. Except for one suggestion for improving the accounting procedure for books and supplies, all present expressed appreciation for the administrative support rendered them by the Office of Training, and several indicated that it was far superior to that received by EPM colleagues from other government agencies.

2. As each of the five attended in overt status, they had occasion to note reactions to CIA and themselves as Agency employees by fellow students, faculty members,

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and others with whom they came in contact during the year. Generally, the reactions were not hostile to the Agency, but rather characterized by mild curiosity -- a surprise in view of the publicity generated by the congressional investigations. On the whole, our EPMers also found the graduate students friendlier to CIA than undergraduates were.

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- singled out for comment the high respect for the Agency's analytical product on the part of Stanford faculty members and researchers at the Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace. He noted with amusement the comments of a Marxian economist who called the Agency's work on China "the best." Also, Lawrence Weiler, a former high official of ACDA, praised the Agency highly in the disarmament seminar he now conducts at Stanford on SALT and other disarmament negotiations.
- told of her 4. Another trainee, efforts at Cornell to cultivate some of the Public Administration graduate students with evening sessions at her residence at which the Agency was discussed. feels this helped improve understanding of CIA.

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